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As of 20 March 1954, prices in Ongjin (N 37-56, E 125-22) (YR-0801), Hwanghae Province, were as follows:

<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRICE IN NK WON</u>
Beans, green	1 small mal ¹	520
Beans, red	1 small mal	480
Beans, yellow	1 small mal	250
Brandy	1 toel	500
Buckwheat	1 small mal	280
Kaoliang	1 small mal	250
Millet	1 small mal	540
Noodles, cooked	1 bowl	70
Oil, bean	1 small mal	6,000
Pepper, red	1 small mal	350
Rice, white	1 small mal	550
Sesame	1 small mal	1,500
Sochu (Korean vodka)	1 toe	500
Sugar	1 kun ¹	250

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<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRICE IN NK WON</u>
Wheat	1 small mal	300
Bath, public room	each	10
Bath, private room	each	30
Cigarettes, Chinese	1 pack	150
Cigarettes, Hungarian	1 pack	50
Cotton, raw	1 kun	400
Gold	1 momme ¹	8,000
Haircut	each	50
Matches	1 pack	10
Pad, writing, 10 sheets, lined	each	15
Paper, white	20 sheets	400
Pencil, lead, black	each	80
Sheet, cotton	1 meter	440
Sheet, cotton, rough	1 p'il ¹	1,800
Shoes, rubber, women's, black	1 pair	450 ²
Shoes, rubber, women's, white	1 pair	900 ²
Shoes, tennis, Chinese	1 pair	750
Sneakers	1 pair	450
Sneakers, Hungarian	1 pair	1,200
Soap, laundry, Hungarian	1 bar	50
Soap, toilet, Chinese	1 bar	200
Socks	1 pair	120
Toothbrush	each	150
Towel, Chinese	each	600

25X1A 1. Comment. A small mal equals 1.03 pecks or 9.02 liters, a toe equals 1.8 liters, a kun equals 1.323 pounds, a momme equals 3.75 grams, and a p'il equals about 14 yards.

25X1A 2. Comment. The price for women's black rubber shoes in the same area in December 1953 was 1,500 NK won per pair. Women's white rubber shoes were 1,800 NK won per pair. See 25X1A

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